

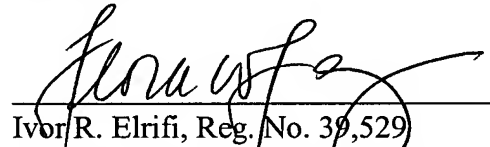
grouped together with the elected claims of Group III since, by not listing a separate class and subclass for these claims, the restriction requirement does not support the conclusion that a search for art related to the claims in Group III would not also reveal art related to the claims of Group IV. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that, at the very least, the restriction between groups III and IV be removed.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

While Applicants believes that no additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28195-518 (Customer Number: 35437).

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